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### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interviews of February 9, 2004 and February 19, 2004. Although Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's rejections, claims 21-23, 60-64, and 68-97 have been canceled without prejudice to continued prosecution, and new claims 98-105 have been added. Applicants believe that the rejections from the December 15, 2003 Final Office Action are moot in view of new claims 98-105. Consideration of the pending application is respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

Enclosed is a \$385 check for the RCE fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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